

Volunteer Opportunities



CityStuff third graders enjoying their visit to Council Chambers.

CityStuff – Teach a third-grader about Carlsbad

Using award-winning materials, volunteers go into a Carlsbad third grade classroom one hour per week for six weeks. They teach the students about city planning, local businesses and even stage a mock City Council meeting in the council chambers. Contact Kathy at citystuff1@gmail.com or 760-436-0140.

Gallery Assistants

You don't have to know a lot about art to become a gallery assistant. You will be trained about each new exhibition, then share that information with members of the public as they visit the museum. Enjoy the quiet setting and opportunity to learn about art. Contact Carrie at carrie.jones@carlsbadca.gov or 760-602-2057.

Six Words Can Be Simply Profound

We asked you to write your life story in six words and in return we were treated to a full range of experiences. The entries express a wide range of themes and emotions – hope, adventure, purpose, courage and gratitude. The one thing they have in common – brevity.

The judges enjoyed a lively discussion on

the merits of each story before selecting a winner. The top vote getter was **Christina Rodrigues'** entry:

Life; earn an education without trying.

For winning, Christina gets a free meal for two at The Canyons restaurant at The Crossings at Carlsbad Golf Course. Thanks to all who took on this challenge.

Honorable Mentions

Most Amusing
Neighbors moved in.
We moved out.
– Regina Brown

Most Zen
Arise - Live - Labor -
Love - Repose - Repeat.
– Ed Cerdá

Most Hopeful
Commencing Student
Ambassador to Royal
Ambassador.
– Elise Cruz

Most Intriguing
Run away then study
what followed.
– Michael Shaughnessy

Most Environmental
Nature – creates –
destroys; inspires
purpose, joy!
– Tia Lanzetta

The following life stories are original and illuminating:

Blazing orange sky,
people pause, dark.
– Regina Brown

Daughter weds. Son
returns. What next?
– Tricia Cerdá

Taught reading.
Changed a life – Mine.
– Carrie Scott

Living and loving life
in Carlsbad.
– Craig Wheatcroft

Work, Retire,
Boredom, Volunteer,
Contribute,
Satisfaction.
– Jerry Jones

Plant seeds, water, eat
great food.
– Alyce O'Reilly

The courage to say I'm
sorry.
– Bev Hardcastle

Feel down, got better,
feel good.
– Ed Masten

Retirement. Take it
easy? No Way!
– Naomi Marblestone

Turning 50...life has
just begun!
– Sandra Alston

Sitting quietly doing
nothing...volunteer
dude!
– Robert Gilbert

Sudden u-turn – small
business owners!
– Elizabeth Dickinson

By serving Carlsbad, I
serve myself.
– Ron Hogan

Pray! Interview and
labor different days.
– Anonymous

Typical teenager; film
extra, bookworm
extraordinaire.
– Zoe Brodsky

Get lost, I have a life.
– Tom Struble

Wildlife corridors are
important to all.
– Anonymous

Volunteer! I do make
a difference.
– Tim C.

Caring cities create
happiness. Thank You.
– Wanda Stiles

Caring, giving to
people and earth.
– Jackie Willis

WORDS



Envision Carlsbad World Café
Visioning Workshop

Frame Priorities for Carlsbad

What do you think about the city's future? How do you want the city to use vacant land? Should the parks and recreation department initiate a new program?

There are many ways to help in Carlsbad and some are as easy as taking a survey. It's a powerful way to enlighten policy-making and program development. It's also a great way to volunteer.

Other Benefits

- Residents can voice their opinions
- City staff can efficiently measure viewpoints
- Solutions and plans are community-driven
- Trust is developed
- Responsibility is shared
- Collectively, we will build a better community

Surveys You Can Take Now To Help Catalyze Change in Carlsbad:

Envision Carlsbad

City of Carlsbad staff has invited the public to meetings to get residents' thoughts on the future of Carlsbad. To gather more resident input, the planning staff has launched an [online survey](#) to get input about how vacant and underutilized sites around the city might be designated for different land uses. The survey is part of the city's update of

its General Plan, a blueprint for how the city will use land to achieve the community's vision for the future. Click on the survey link **through Feb. 19** or go to the city's home page at www.carlsbadca.gov and click on [Take a survey about city land use](#). Help the city by giving your feedback.

Program Surveys

Comments and feedback from program participants are vital to providing quality programs and services. You can help parks and recreation staff improve programs and services by using [online surveys](#).

Visited a park, taken a class or gotten involved with any of the services listed below recently? Let staff know what you thought.

- [Adult sports](#)
- [Enrichment classes and camps](#)
- [Parks](#)
- [Preschool](#)
- [Rentals](#)
- [Senior Center programs](#)
- [Special events](#)
- [Opportunity Grants](#)
- [Teen programs](#)

Whether you have a lot of time or a little, you can get involved in shaping your city's future.

Around Carlsbad

Learn to Speak a Foreign Language for Free

Patrons with a Carlsbad City Library card can learn a foreign language for free using the online [Mango Languages](#) system. Extensive vocabulary, conversation and pronunciation lessons are taught by native speakers in a dozen languages (including English for native Spanish speakers). You can access the lessons from your home computer or other portable device.

To get started, go to the [City of Carlsbad library website](#) and select [Research](#) from the top menu bar. To login to the database, simply enter your library card number. Scroll down to the Mango Languages database. You will be prompted to create your own account, choose the language you want to learn and the level you want to start at. The lessons are a combination of audio and text, and the system keeps track of your progress.

Learn a foreign
language, see
collaborative art,
work on Carlsbad's
anti-graffiti
campaign.

Cannon Art Gallery presents "The Exquisite Garden"

Bay area artist Joe Brubaker and a group of visiting artists will collaborate with local artists and students to transform the Cannon Art Gallery into a unique installation called "The Exquisite Garden." The artists and designers will use a collection of found objects, discarded materials and scrap metal, along with a group of figurative sculptures previously created by Brubaker, to make a completely new work out of a veritable jungle of disparate parts. April 1 - June 24, 2012, Tuesdays 11-5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. Free.

Team Building for Businesses

The City of Carlsbad can provide a team building experience that will also beautify the city. As part of this innovative partnership, employees can enjoy the chance to serve the community by working on the anti-graffiti campaign.



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Volunteer Resources

www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net

To expand your volunteer involvement citywide, contact Sue Irey, Volunteer Coordinator
Sue.Irey@Carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2929